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"AN ACT CONCERNING MUNICIPAL TAX COLLECTION."

- 1 After the last section, insert the following:
- 2 "Sec. 3. Section 8-134 of the general statutes, as amended by section
- 3 2 of public act 01-179, is repealed and the following is substituted in
- 4 lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2002*):
- 5 For the purpose of carrying out or administering a redevelopment
- 6 plan or other functions authorized under this chapter, a municipality,
- 7 acting by and through its redevelopment agency, is hereby authorized,
- 8 subject only to the limitations and procedures set forth in this section,
- 9 to issue from time to time bonds of the municipality which are payable
- solely from and secured by: (a) A pledge of and lien upon any or all of
- 11 the income, proceeds, revenues and property of redevelopment
- 12 projects, including the proceeds of grants, loans, advances or
- 13 contributions from the federal government, the state or other source,
- 14 including financial assistance furnished by the municipality or any

other public body pursuant to section 8-135; (b) taxes or payments in lieu of taxes, or both, in whole or in part, allocated to and paid into a special fund of the municipality pursuant to the provisions of section 8-134a; or (c) any combination of the methods in subsections (a) and (b) of this section. For the purposes of a specified project only, the Connecticut Development Authority may, upon a resolution with respect to such project adopted by the legislative body of the municipality, issue and administer bonds which are payable solely or in part from and secured by the pledge and security provided for in this section subject to the general terms and provisions of law applicable to the issuance of bonds by the Connecticut Development Authority, except that the provisions of subsection (b) of section 32-23j shall not apply. Any bonds payable and secured as provided in this section shall be authorized by a resolution adopted by the legislative body of the municipality, notwithstanding the provisions of any other statute, local law or charter governing the authorization and issuance of bonds generally by the municipality. No such resolution shall be adopted until after a public hearing has been held upon such authorization. Notice of such hearing shall be published not less than five days prior to such hearing in a newspaper having a general circulation in the municipality. Such bonds shall be issued and sold in such manner; bear interest at such rate or rates, including variable rates to be determined in such manner as set forth in the proceedings authorizing the issuance of the bonds; provide for the payment of interest on such dates, whether before or at maturity; be issued at, above or below par; mature at such time or times not exceeding [forty] thirty years from their date in [the case of bonds issued to finance housing and facilities related thereto or thirty years from their date in all [other] cases; have such rank or priority; be payable in such medium of payment; be issued in such form, including, without limitation, registered or book-entry form, carry such registration and transfer privileges and be made subject to purchase or redemption before maturity at such price or prices and under such terms and conditions, including the condition that such bonds be subject to purchase or redemption on the demand of the owner thereof; and

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contain such other terms and particulars as the legislative body of the municipality or the officers delegated such authority by the legislative body of the municipality body shall determine. Notwithstanding the provisions of the general statutes or any special act, charter or home rule ordinance, a municipality may authorize deferment of the principal for not more than five years and a repayment schedule based on the occupancy of the project. The proceedings under which bonds are authorized to be issued may, subject to the provisions of the general statutes, contain any or all of the following: (1) Provisions respecting custody of the proceeds from the sale of the bonds and any bond anticipation notes, including any requirements that such proceeds be held separate from or not be commingled with other funds of the municipality; (2) provisions for the investment and reinvestment of bond proceeds until such proceeds are used to pay project costs and for the disposition of any excess bond proceeds or investment earnings thereon; (3) provisions for the execution of reimbursement agreements, or similar agreements, in connection with credit facilities, including, but not limited to, letters of credit or policies of bond insurance, remarketing agreements and agreements for the purpose of moderating interest rate fluctuations; (4) provisions for the collection, custody, investment, reinvestment and use of the pledged revenues or other receipts, funds or moneys pledged for payment of bonds as provided in this section; (5) provisions regarding the establishment and maintenance of reserves, sinking funds and any other funds and accounts as shall be approved by the legislative body of the municipality in such amounts as may be established by the legislative body of the municipality and the regulation and disposition thereof, including requirements that any such funds and accounts be held separate from or not be commingled with other funds of the municipality; (6) covenants for the establishment of maintenance requirements with respect to facilities and properties; (7) provisions for the issuance of additional bonds on a parity with bonds issued prior to the issuance of such additional bonds, including establishment of coverage requirements with respect to such bonds as herein provided; (8) provisions regarding the rights and remedies available to the bond

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owners, note owners or any trustee under any contract, loan agreement, document, instrument or trust indenture in case of a default, including the right to appoint a trustee to represent their interests upon occurrence of any event of default, as defined in any such default proceedings, provided that if any bonds or bond anticipation notes are secured by a trust indenture, the respective owners of such bonds or notes shall have no authority except as set forth in such trust indenture to appoint a separate trustee to represent them; and (9) other provisions or covenants of like or different character from the foregoing which are consistent with this section and which the legislative body of the municipality determines in such proceedings are necessary, convenient or desirable in order to better secure the bonds or bond anticipation notes, or will tend to make the bonds or bond anticipation notes more marketable, and which are in the best interests of the municipality. Any provisions which may be included in proceedings authorizing the issuance of bonds under this section may be included in an indenture of trust duly approved in accordance with this section which secures the bonds and any notes issued in anticipation thereof, and in such case the provisions of such indenture shall be deemed to be a part of such proceedings as though they were expressly included therein. Any pledge made by the municipality shall be valid and binding from the time when the pledge is made, and any revenues or other receipts, funds or moneys so pledged and thereafter received by the municipality shall be subject immediately to the lien of such pledge without any physical delivery thereof or further act. The lien of any such pledge shall be valid and binding as against all parties having claims of any kind in tort, contract or otherwise against the municipality, irrespective of whether such parties have notice of such lien. Neither the resolution nor any other instrument by which a pledge is created need be recorded. The legislative body of the municipality may enter into a trust indenture by and between the municipality and a corporate trustee, which may be any trust company or bank having the powers of a trust company within or without the municipality. Such trust indenture may contain such provisions for protecting and enforcing the rights and remedies

of the bond owners and note owners as may be reasonable and proper and not in violation of law, including covenants setting forth the duties of the municipality in relation to the exercise of its powers pursuant to this section and the custody, safeguarding and application of all moneys. The municipality may provide by such trust indenture for the payment of the pledged revenues or other receipts, funds or moneys to the trustee under such trust indenture or to any other depository, and for the method of disbursement thereof, with such safeguards and restrictions as it may determine. All expenses incurred in carrying out such trust indenture may be treated as project costs. Such bonds shall not be included in computing the aggregate indebtedness of the municipality, provided, if such bonds are made payable, in whole or in part, from funds contracted to be advanced by the municipality, the aggregate amount of such funds not yet appropriated to such purpose shall be included in computing the aggregate indebtedness of the municipality. As used in this section, "bonds" means any bonds, including refunding bonds, notes, interim certificates, debentures or other obligations. For purposes of this section and section 8-134a, references to the Connecticut Development Authority shall include any subsidiary of the Connecticut Development Authority established pursuant to subsection (l) of section 32-11a.

Sec. 4. Subsection (a) of section 8-192 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July* 1, 2002):

(a) For the purpose of carrying out or administering a development plan or other functions authorized under this chapter, a municipality, acting by and through its development agency, is authorized, subject only to the limitations and procedures set forth in this section, to issue from time to time bonds of the municipality which are payable solely from and secured by: (1) A pledge of and lien upon any or all of the income, proceeds, revenues and property of development projects, including the proceeds of grants, loans, advances or contributions from the federal government, the state or other source, including financial assistance furnished by the municipality or any other public body

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154 pursuant to this chapter; (2) taxes or payments in lieu of taxes, or both, 155 in whole or in part, allocated to and paid into a special fund of the 156 municipality pursuant to the provisions of section 8-192a; or (3) any combination of the methods in subdivisions (1) and (2) of this section. 157 158 Any bonds payable and secured as provided in this subsection shall be 159 authorized and the appropriation of the proceeds thereof approved by 160 a resolution adopted by the legislative body of the municipality, 161 notwithstanding the provisions of any other statute, local law or 162 charter governing the authorization and issuance of bonds and the 163 appropriation of the proceeds thereof generally by the municipality. 164 No such resolution shall be adopted until after a public hearing has 165 been held upon such authorization. Notice of such hearing shall be 166 published not less than five days prior to such hearing in a newspaper 167 having a general circulation in the municipality. Such bonds shall be 168 issued and sold in such manner; bear interest at such rate or rates, 169 including variable rates to be determined in such manner as set forth 170 in the proceedings authorizing the issuance of the bonds; provide for 171 the payment of interest on such dates, whether before or at maturity; 172 be issued at, above or below par; mature at such time or times not 173 exceeding [forty] thirty years from their date in [the case of bonds 174 issued to finance housing and facilities related thereto or thirty years 175 from their date in] all [other] cases; have such rank or priority; be 176 payable in such medium of payment; be issued in such form, 177 including, without limitation, registered or book-entry form; carry 178 such registration and transfer privileges and be made subject to 179 purchase or redemption before maturity at such price or prices and 180 under such terms and conditions, including the condition that such 181 bonds be subject to purchase or redemption on the demand of the 182 owner thereof; and contain such other terms and particulars as the 183 legislative body of the municipality or the officers delegated such 184 authority by the legislative body of the municipality shall determine. 185 Notwithstanding the provisions of the general statutes or any special 186 act, charter or home rule ordinance, a municipality may authorize 187 deferment of the principal for not more than five years and a 188 repayment schedule based on the occupancy of the project. The

proceedings under which bonds are authorized to be issued may, subject to the provisions of the general statutes, contain any or all of the following: (A) Provisions respecting custody of the proceeds from the sale of the bonds and any bond anticipation notes, including any requirements that such proceeds be held separate from or not be commingled with other funds of the municipality; (B) provisions for the investment and reinvestment of bond proceeds until such proceeds are used to pay project costs and for the disposition of any excess bond proceeds or investment earnings thereon; (C) provisions for the execution of reimbursement agreements, or similar agreements, in connection with credit facilities, including, but not limited to, letters of credit or policies of bond insurance, remarketing agreements and agreements for the purpose of moderating interest rate fluctuations; (D) provisions for the collection, custody, investment, reinvestment and use of the pledged revenues or other receipts, funds or moneys pledged for payment of bonds as provided in this section; (E) provisions regarding the establishment and maintenance of reserves, sinking funds and any other funds and accounts as shall be approved by the legislative body of the municipality in such amounts as may be established by the legislative body of the municipality, and the regulation and disposition thereof, including requirements that any such funds and accounts be held separate from or not be commingled with other funds of the municipality; (F) covenants for the establishment of maintenance requirements with respect to facilities and properties; (G) provisions for the issuance of additional bonds on a parity with bonds issued prior to the issuance of such additional bonds, including establishment of coverage requirements with respect to such bonds as herein provided; (H) provisions regarding the rights and remedies available in case of a default to the bond owners, note owners or any trustee under any contract, loan agreement, document, instrument or trust indenture, including the right to appoint a trustee to represent their interests upon occurrence of any event of default, as defined in any such default proceedings, provided that if any bonds or bond anticipation notes are secured by a trust indenture, the respective owners of such bonds or notes shall have no authority except as set

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